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Sir:

Attached herewith is an English translation of the above-identified patent application.

Prior to action on the merits, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

In the Title

Kindly replace the Title with the following:

DYNAMIC CONNECTINGLINKING ELEMENT FOR A SPINAL FIXING ATTACHMENT SYSTEM, AND A FIXING SPINAL ATTACHMENT SYSTEM COMPRISING SUCH A CONNECTING INCLUDING SAID LINKING ELEMENT